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: MOLDINGS AND METHOD
: FOR PRODUCING THEM

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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated June 18, 2002, kindly amend the application as follows:

Version Showing Changes Made to the Claims

1. (Amended) ~~An open-ended~~ A polyimide molding of an aromatic polyimide resin,

comprising a wall defining an opening at one end and closed at an opposite end, and having a depth therebetween, wherein the ~~which is characterized in that its~~ wall thickness is at most 0.5 mm, wherein said molding is further defined by at least one of the following: ~~and that the~~

a ratio of ~~its~~ depth to ~~its~~ opening is of at least 0.7; ~~or~~; and

~~it's~~ a longest major axis ~~is~~ of at least 150 mm in length with ~~its draw~~ a depth ~~being~~ of at least 0.5 mm.

2. (Amended) The ~~open-ended~~ polyimide molding as claimed in claim 1, ~~which~~

~~is such that its~~ wherein the wall thickness falls between 0.001 and 0.3 mm, and ~~that~~;

wherein said molding is further defined by at least one of the following:

~~the~~ a ratio of ~~its~~ depth to ~~its~~ opening falls between 0.7 and 5.0~~, or it's~~ ; and

the longest major axis falls between 150 and 10000 mm in length with ~~its draw~~ a depth falling between 0.2 and 8000 mm.

3. (Amended)The ~~open-ended~~ polyimide molding as claimed in claim 1, ~~which is such that its~~ wherein the wall thickness falls between 0.01 and 0.2 mm, and wherein said molding is further defined by at least one of the following:

~~that the~~ a ratio of ~~its~~ depth to ~~its~~ opening falls between 1.0 and 3.0~~, or~~; and

~~it's~~ the longest major axis falls between 200 and 5000 mm in length with ~~its draw~~ a depth falling between 1.0 and 2000 mm.

4. (Amended) The ~~open-ended~~ polyimide molding of any one of the claims 1 to 3, ~~of which~~ wherein the aromatic polyimide is a thermoplastic aromatic polyimide.

5. (Amended) The ~~open-ended~~ polyimide molding as claimed in claim 4, ~~of which~~ wherein the thermoplastic polyimide has a glass transition temperature falling between 200

and 350° and has a degree of elongation at break of from 50 to 2000% at its glass transition temperature.

Please cancel Claims 6-9 without prejudice and without disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.